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FOR AMBASSADOR MARSHALL FROM BLAKE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PORG, PSDC, KE

SUBJECT: MOVEMENT OF US MILITARY UNITS: PRESS GUIDANCE

1. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT AND DOD ON AN "IF ASKED" BASIS IF REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH PRESS ENQUIRIES REGARDING THE PRESENCE OF THE P-3 AIRCRAFT AND USS BEARY IN KENYA AND REPORTS OF THE POSSIBLE ARRIVAL OF THE US AIRCRAFT CARRIER RANGER IN THE VICINITY OF KENYA:

"P-3 AIRCRAFT IN NAIROBI

Q: WHAT IS A P-3 DOING IN NAIROBI AT THIS TIME?

A: THE P-3 HAS STOPPED AT NAIROBI IN THE COURSE OF ITS  
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GENERAL OPERATING MISSION.

Q: DOES ITS PRESENCE IN NAIROBI HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE CURRENT TENSION BETWEEN KENYA AND UGANDA? ARE WE TRYING TO SEND A SIGNAL TO THE UGANDANS?

A: I HAVE NOTHING TO ADD TO WHAT I HAVE JUST SAID ON THIS SUBJECT.

U.S. VESSEL TO VISIT KENYA

Q: WHY IS AN AMERICAN FRIGATE IN MOMBASSA NOW?

A: THE FRIGATE IN QUESTION, THE USS BEARY, IS CARRYING OUT A NORMAL PORT VISIT TO MOMBASSA.

Q: HOW LONG IS IT EXPECTED TO STAY IN MOMBASSA?

A: I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT LENGTH OF TIME, BUT PORT VISITS RUN FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

REPORTED PRESENCE OF TASK FORCE IN INDIAN OCEAN

Q: IS THERE NOW A US NAVY TASK FORCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN?

A: NO.

Q: IS THERE A TASK FORCE EN ROUTE TO THE INDIAN OCEAN IN CONNECTION WITH THE KENYAN-UGANDA SITUATION?

A: WE DO NOT COMMENT ON THE MOVEMENT OF MAJOR UNITS OF THE FLEET.

2. IF QUERIED ON ANY OF THE ABOVE SUBJECTS, EMBASSY SHOULD ADHERE STRICTLY TO THE ANSWERS INDICATED ABOVE. EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO INFORM APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF GOK REGARDING RESPONSES WE PLAN TO MAKE. KISSINGER

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